WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Production of Petroleum Products

*403. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI' : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to state :

(a) whether fact that the production of petroleum products has gone down;

(b) if so, the steps taken to accelerate the pace of exploration so as to increase domestic oil resources;

(c) whether Government have worked out any package of incentives to attract private sector and multinationals to boost domestic oil production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) While the production of crude oil has fallen, the production of petroleum products has increased.

(b) to (d) Government has worked out an attractive package of terms and conditions for encouraging risk capital investment in exploration and subsequent production. Discovered oil and gas fields have also been offered for development by private companies under point venture arrangements for medium sized fields and under production sharing contract for small sized fields.

Leprosy patients in Madhya Pradesh

*405. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate number of Leprosy patients in Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to cure those Leprosy patients;

(c) if so, the number of Leprosy patients cured and rehabilitated during the last three years;

(d) in what manner they have been rehabilitated; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) 136290 as on 1st March, 1993.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of leprosy patients cured and rehabilitated during the last three years upto 1-3-1993 are 110806 and 7959 respectively.

(d) and (e) Rehabilitation services are provided in the form of treatment of chronic ulcers, management of disabilities including reconstructive surgery and social rehabilitation to integrate them in the society and to enable them to lead a normal healthy life.

Proposal for setting up LPG Gas Board in Gujarat

*407. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

whether Government of Gujarat made any proposal to set up an LPG Gas Board in Gujarat;

(b) what is the time duration for setting up of LPG Gas Board in Gujarat where it will establish its regional office;

(c) what is the number of applications for LPG connections pending in Gujarat District-wise with LPG Agencies till 31st January, 1993;

(d) what are the targets set for release of new LPG connections in Gujarat, District-wise till March, 1993; and

(e) what are the other steps taken by Government to release LPG connections other than VIP or MPs quota ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH

SHARMA) : (a) No such proposal has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 6.35 lakhs as on 1-1-1993. District-wise information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) For the year 1992-93, the target for enrolment of new LPG connections for the whole country is 7.5 lakhs. Allotment of new LPG connections is not made on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released in various locations. taking into consideration the waiting list, slack available with the distributors, and product availability, etc.

Postponement of Gujarat Refinery Expansion

*408. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation has postponed its Guarat refinery expansion plan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting of Commonwealth Countries to be held in October, 1993

*409. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the next meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Governments will be held in Limassol, Cyprus during October, 1993;

(b) whether Government propose to take up certain international issues of peace, amity and advancement towards 21st century;

(c) if so, details thereof alongwith the details of other issues to be taken up;

(d) whether Government also propose to take up the issue of support to terrorists with arms and ammunition by Pakistan and infiltrating them into Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir to disturb the territorial integrity of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House (See below).

Statement

The next Summit meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM) will be held at Nicosia and Limassol in Cyprus from 21-25 October, 1993.

The agenda for the Cyprus CHOGM Summit is under preparation by the Commonwealth Secretariat. However, as indicated in the Harare CHOGM Declaration which sets out the priorities for the Commonwealth in various fields, Commonwealth countries are committed to consulting and cooperating in the interests of their peoples and in the promotion of international understanding and world peace. India fully ascribes to these goals.

It is not customary for bilateral issues to be raised at Commonwealth Summits. As such, Government do not propose to raise the question of Pakistan's support to terrorism at that forum. However, it may be recalled that the Harare Summit Communique had expressed strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and had recognised terrorism as one of the most dangerous and pernicious threats to stability and to human rights.

"Montreal Protocol on the Ozone Layers'

*410. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state (a) whether it is a fact that India was elected as the President at the 4th Meeting of